

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1344 – SB 1399

March 21, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires election officials to ensure that all information that is required on a document is provided prior to accepting the document. Establishes a conclusive presumption that any document accepted by an election official is properly filed and all requirements have been timely met.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015172): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires each local education agency (LEA) and public charter school, after January 1, 2019, to consult with the county election commission prior to adopting a calendar for a school year. Requires certain LEAs and public charter schools to be closed for instruction on the day of a regular November election. Authorizes LEAs and public charter schools to use an in-service day for the mandatory closing on such election-day.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- All LEAs and public charter schools would have to consult with the county election commission prior to adopting a calendar for the school year.
- LEAs and public charter schools who act as a polling place for a regular November election are required to close on election-day; such schools are authorized to designate this day as an in-service day.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-1-104, the regular November election-day occurs on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-6-3004, each public school is required to maintain a term of no less than 200 days, with 180 days for classroom instruction, 10 vacation days, 5 in-service days, and 1 day for teacher conferences, and 4 other days to be designated by the local board of education.

- The proposed language would authorize all LEAs and public charter schools to close on all election days, and to designate such days as in-service days.
- Only LEAs and public charter schools operating as polling places on election-day would be required to close in even-numbered years. In such years, LEAs and public charter schools could utilize one of nine available days to accomplish the requirements of this legislation; therefore any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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